IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: WINFRIED MAIER

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Title: SYNCHRONIZING DEVICE FOR A GEARBOX

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the specification, claims and abstract prior to the examination of the application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A marked-up substitute specification and a clean substitute specification is submitted herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel all of the claims presently in the application and substitute new claims 12-47 therefor:

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(NEW) Synchronizing device for a shift transmission, th at least one outer and one inner synchro ring and, if appropriate, at least one intermediate ring, the synchro rings